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"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America."

-Barack Obama

## Election results

**Obama** 

McCain

Electoral Votes

338

163

Popular Vote

51 percent

48 percent

**Total Votes** 

52,707,786

48,685,560



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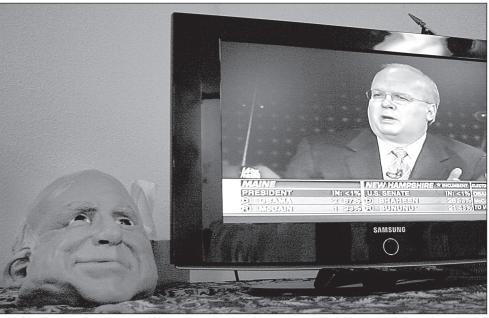
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## Close call

## Manhattan Republicans watch loss at local headquarters



Local Republicans gather around the television to watch the election. **Doug Shane**, sophomore in pre-veterinary medicine, and **Ben Davis**, senior in political science, were two of the many K-State Republicans that attended the event.



Photos by Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN The mask of John McCain lies idly as Republican strategist Karl Rove speaks on the Fox News Channel at the Republican Headquarters Tuesday night during election coverage.



During early evening on Tuesday, **Haley Compton**, freshman in mass communications, makes a few last phone calls to remind citizens to go out and vote.



Manhattan residents, **Ron and Gayle Lortscher**, watch the election coverage as the night progressed. About 30 people came to the Manhattan's Republican Headquarters to watch the election.

## UNOFFICIAL VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBERS IN KANSAS

(as of Sept. 1)
451,577 - Democrat
9,113 - Libertarian
1,296 - Reform
751,125 - Republican
446,450 - Unaffiliated

**1,659,561** - Total (as of press time)

**1,749,756** - Total

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Huston

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-Alicia Kirby -Janna Snyder -Nikki Triano -Ahsley Weber -Megan

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To the members of my family, everyone who displayed yard signs, those who worked on my campaign, all those who have opened their doors to me during this time and all who supported this effort.





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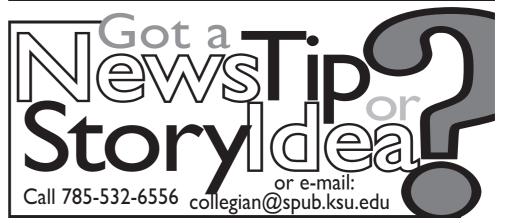
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## Historic victory

## Democrats celebrate win of 1st black president of U.S.



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The Democratic masses at the election watch party at Kite's were electric at the news of Obama's win of the the presidency.



Maya Ristic, Allison Wheatley and Chuck Thompson, volunteers for the Riley Democrats, work the phones calling Democrats to get out and vote last Wednesday at the Riley Democrats' Headquarters on Poyntz Ave.



Rusty Wilson anxiously receives information about recent poll updates, while (left to right) Belinda Synder, his campaign manager; Mary Elizabeth Kinch, his mother and former Kansas State House Representative; Erin Caley, his campaign coordinator and personal assistant; and Margo Caley, Erin's mother wait results.



Utsab Chawdhuri exuberantly cheers Obama's positive poll results Tuesday at the Democratic watch party at Kite's, which was in an uproar over Tuesday's strong Democratic showing.

#### **RANDOM ELECTION FACTS**

-This is the first time in 20 years that a Bush or Clinton hasn't headed a ticket.

-The president chosen by Missouri's popular vote has become the president in the past nine elections.

-Young people are more likely than adults 30 and older to identify as Independents (26 percent vs. 18 percent) and less likely to identify as Republicans (28 percent vs. 25 percent). -During the 2002 midterm elections, the three states with the highest level of youth voter turnout were Minnesota, South Dakota and Alaska, while the three with the lowest voter turnout rates were Delaware, West Virginia and Arizona.

-In the presidential election years between 1972 and 2000, the young voter turnout rate declined by 16 percentage points before surging by 11 percentage points in 2004.

-Single young people — particularly women — are more likely to vote than married young people. The turnout among single women aged 18-24 increased by one-third since 2000.
-In 2004, much of the youth-voter surge was driven by an increase in voting amongx black youth. Black turnout fell in the 1988 election and experienced a jump by more than 11 percentage points in 2000, which is the greatest increase in turnout in any racial or ethnic minority group in recent years.

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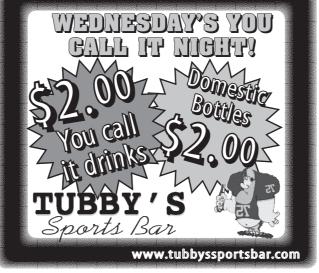


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Spring 2009

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## A survival guide

## Several ways for Republicans to make do in this new Democrat-driven era



**HADACHEK** 

Barring an upset of epic proportions, Barack Obama was elected president last night.

This column went to press before the polls closed, but I feel safe assuming John McCain was unable to overcome his polling deficit in the final days leading up to the election. But even if McCain did do the impossible last night, the Democrats almost certainly increased their majorities in both houses of Congress, giving them an even stronger grasp in the federal gov-

But fear not, you don't have to take the thinly-veiled socialism of the coming years lying down. There are many avenues of productive action that the oppressed conservative can take.

First, return the party to its roots. Let's face it, the Republican Party of the last 15 years hasn't been very conservative, at least on fiscal issues. Part of this is because we have been fighting two wars, of course

But even the Republicans in power during the late 1990s engaged in unprecedented amounts of pork barrel and deficit spending. The programs that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Obama want to implement are going to cost huge amounts of money. After a few years of this, fiscal conservatism will be back in style, and the GOP needs to be ready.

Second, listen to talk radio. Pelosi stated on several occasions her intent to return the so-called "Fairness Doctrine" to broadcast radio. This would require all radio stations to provide balanced viewpoints to all controversial topics. Stations, fearing costly FCC fines, would almost certainly drop all political and religious content.

Since the vast majority of talk radio is conservative, this is a blatant attempt by Pelosi to muzzle voices like Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannitv. But if these hosts accumulate more listeners, the Doctrine becomes more and more undemocratic, which will make it harder to pass

Even if you don't always agree with hosts like Limbaugh, they still serve an important service in a country in which 60 percent of the people feel the mainstream media is biased toward Barack Obama

Third, buy foreign — especially cars. "Made in the USA" isn't as patriotic as you think. Products made in the U.S. usually cost more than those produced elsewhere, and it's usually not because they are higher quality.

Often, worker's unions put such a strain on companies that they have no choice but to charge higher prices. The United Auto Workers union, for instance, is like a parasite on the Big Three U.S. automakers because they continue to demand more and more benefits for workers even in tough eco-

Buying foreign cars will hurt the American companies in the short run, but long term, it might help blue-collar workers realize how much their unions are sucking the life out of their employ-



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Finally, move to Switzerland. Taking a page straight out of the Democratic playbook, you could always move to a country with a government more suitable to your views. Canada has always been a promised land of sorts for Democrats alienated by a Republican government.

Switzerland, on the other hand, is a conservative's dream. The Swiss have some of the lowest tax rates in the world, both on corporations and individuals. Its government is very stable by European standards and was rated by

Transparency International as the seventh least corrupt government in the world. Finally, the Swiss have been one of the strongest American allies in Europe, even representing U.S. interests in negotiations with Cuba and Iran.

Keeping these strategies in mind, those with a more conservative frame of mind will be able to chug through these next few years.

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**Vote** "yes" for the smoking ban.

Dodgeball, tonight, 9 p.m., Ahearn basketball court.

To the chick wearing the "My Little Pony" outfit: sorry I tackled your ass

I'm pretty sure any idiot can do the SafeRide Coordinator job. I think I'll

I just saw Rusty Wilson's billboard pickup truck on campus. Is he applying for reinstatement?

**To** the person whose car alarm goes off every day outside Haymaker: I don't know who you are, but stop.

Hey, Fourum, want to hear a joke? Ron Prince and K-State football.

I'm pretty sure KU had their thirdstring quarterback in.

Would you rather have 52 cookies or 21 cookies?

**KU** won. Now it's time for them to design 10 different T-shirts saying "52-

21." Oh, wait, they're not pathetic. Josh Freeman, KU's best player. Ron Prince, KU's best coach.

**The** only crib Deon Murphy took us to was his mom's house.

**Hey,** Josh Freeman, the NFL called. You suck.

To the guy dressed up as a sleeping bag at the Halloween party: you're

To whoever keeps letting their dog poop between Ahearn and Old Stadium: stop it, it stinks.

To the girl in my Mass Comm Research class: your green and pink shoes are ugly, but you're kind of cute.



## Remember price of liberty this Veterans' Day



**HORNER** 

Americans have a great dislike for war, and for good reason.

So it is fitting that Veterans Day is celebrated on what was Armistice Day, the end of World War I, with a treaty signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was signed with great hope that it was the last war, the war to end all wars. Unfortunately, it was not

This is a day to remember our fallen, not only for the current war, but also for the conflicts that occurred before. To put it into context, during the 2004 Republican Presidential Convention, Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly interviewed Michael Moore of "Bowling for Columbine," "Fahrenheit 9/11 and "Sicko" fame. Moore asked O'Reilly if he would send his child to die in Iraq.

This echoes Thomas Jeffer-

son's "the tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

However, there is no butcher's bill of blood that must be filled, no scale by which a set amount of dead will achieve the goal. We don't send our military, sons and daughters, fathers and mothers to die. We send them to accomplish tasks so difficult and dangerous that in their efforts, they might lose their lives.

It is the willingness to accept this as a possibility, not inevitability, and go into harm's way that marks the difference between Moore's concept, and that of Jefferson's.

more than 4,000 service members

In today's context, our loss of

has set free more than 28 million people from a cruel dictator – one who forced Iraq into two wars of aggression against Iran and Kuwait, used rape and torture as a matter of policy against the Iraqi and occupied people,

tried to as-

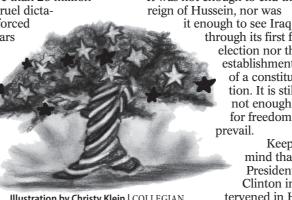


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sassinate a U.S. president and used chemical weapons against Iran more than 40 times, at least twice being against the Iraqi Kurds, according to the U.N.

The 4,000 we have lost paid the ultimate sacrifice, not in toppling Saddam Hussein, but in fighting the tyranny of the Islamic fascists. This is represented by Al-Qaeda, who rushed to fill the power vacuum left by Hussein, having eliminated most of his challengers.

One of the reasons the Sunni have joined us to fight Al-Qaeda is they saw firsthand the tyranny that Al-Qaeda-in-Iraq leaders imposed on them – dictating marriages, confiscating wealth and sacrificing their youth.

It was not enough to end the reign of Hussein, nor was

> through its first free election nor the establishment of a constitution. It is still not enough for freedom to prevail.

> > Keep in mind that President Clinton intervened in Hai

ti and Bosnia, and vastly expanded the mission in Somalia. These places were much less in our national interest. There, too, Americans bled to feed the tree of liberty, but how is it going there now?

It is not the amount of blood or number of dead that counts. Liberty is not a once-accomplishednow-forever event. Liberty is a process that requires constant maintenance and vigilance lest it disappear as with the end of the German Weimar Republic, founded on this day that we remember – Nov. 11, 1918 - yet overcome by Nazi Germany and the terror it became.

So as we celebrate Veterans Day, remember the tree of liberty is fed with our willingness to take the tough road, make the hard decisions, and if necessary, take actions that might cost us our lives or those of our loved ones.

I hope you remembered their sacrifices as you voted in this election, and you had the ability to do so because of them. You voted to keep your liberty – and the liberty of others.

David Horner is a graduate student in economics, and is a disabled veteran. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

## Youth live up to voting expectations, have one of best election turnouts

TO THE POINT is an editorial

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opinion.

Tuesday's election presented itself as an opportunity, not just to choose a new president or senator, but for first-time and young voters. Young people and students are often the foundation of a political movement or social cause, but their enthusiasm is not often seen when the votes are counted.

In 2004, then-Gov. Howard Dean seemed to capture this youthful excitement, and he was an early favorite to win the Democratic presidential nomina-

tion. However, Dean's supporters were not able to vote in the numbers they promised, and he lost in the Iowa caucus, and his candidacy

didn't go much further. A similar youth movement occurred during this elections season, and many thought President-elect Barack Obama's passion and appeal would finally be enough for young people to harness their own power and vote in large numbers. Obama might not be the reason for a high turnout, but 18- to 29-year-olds finally used their political po-

Voters in that age group made up 18 percent of the electorate for the

2008 presidential election, according to CNN. This is one of the best turnouts for the youth movement, and it is directly attributed to young voters taking initiative and getting involved with democracy.

There was doubt that these voters would cause a stir during the summer and urn out in the fall. But in 2008, first-time voters and students lived up to the challenge they set. All that's left is to do it again in 2012.



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## 2008 election results

## Riley County

**Smoking ban** 

**School Bond** 

**Register of Deeds** 

**County Commission** 

**State House 67th District** 

Yes — 9,440 votes, 56.23% No — 7,347 votes, 43.77%

Yes —13,603 votes, 68.67% No — 6,206 votes, 31.33%

- Debbie Regester, 13,292 votes, 65.79%

D - Karen McCulloh, 3,547 votes, 57.45%

D — Tom Hawk, 5,740 votes, 55.76%

– Michael Romaniszyn, 6,893 votes, 34.12%

R - Bob Newsome, 2,617 votes, 42.39%

R — Dick Miller, 4,544 votes, 44.14%

**State Senate 22nd** 

R — Roger Reitz, 11,649 votes, 50% Rusty Wilson, 11,495 votes, 50% (39 of 70 precincts reporting)

**State Senate** 

R — Mark Taddiken, 14,577 votes, 80% - Thomas Hochard, 3,640 votes, 20% (122 of 191 precincts reporting)

**State Board of Education** 

R — Kathy Martin, 50,277 votes, 58% Christopher Renner, 36,424 votes, 42% (337 of 441 precincts reporting)

State House 66th District

D — Sydney Carlin, 5,276 votes, 56.96% R — Dee McKee, 3,970 votes, 42.86%

Kansas

**U.S. Senate** 

**U.S.** Representatives

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**U.S. Representatives** 

R — Pat Roberts, 688,814 votes, 60% Jim Slattery, 420,826 votes, 37% (98% of precincts reporting)

R — Jerry Moran, 207,836 votes, 82% - James Bordonaro, 33,366 votes, 13% (99% of precincts reporting)

**Lynn Jenkins, 151,827 votes, 51%** Nancy Boyda, 137,370 votes, 46% (99% of precincts reporting)

R — Nick Jordan, 139,674 votes, 46% (100% of precincts reporting)

D — Dennis Moore, 197,642 votes, 56% R — Todd Tiahrt, 163,642 votes, 64% —Donald Betts, 83,287 votes, 32%

(93% of precincts reporting)

#### **National**

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Senate

D — 56 seats, 56 percent R — 40 seats, 40 percent

**President** 

Obama —338 electoral votes, 51% McCain — 163 electoral votes, 48% (98% of precincts reporting)

House

D —247 seats, 57 % R — 166 seats, 38 %

—Compiled by Whitney Hodgin and Jacque Haag

## On local level both smoking ban and school bond pass

Whitney Hodgin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It doesn't get much more politically charged than Tuesday night. Manhattan residents piled into their respective watch party stations to study TV screens for percentage updates for everything from the

The impact each appointment had on crowds varied by the candidates in them, so while the president-elect Barack Obama was announced on broadcast news, Kansas senate hopeful Rusty Wilson, D-Manhattan, paced in front of the flat-screens in Kite's Grille and Bar, waiting for the 50-50 scales to tip in his favor. Incumbent Rog-

president of the United States to county

positions like register of deeds.

—Compiled by Jacque Haag

er Reitz undoubtedly felt the same unease, not to mention Register of Deeds Debbie Regester.

#### **THE ISSUES**

The Clean Air Manhattan smoking ban passed, despite prior city commission support in favor of Citizens for Reasonable Ordinances, with 56.23 percent of votes. The USD 383 school bond passed with 68.67 percent of votes. The district will receive a \$97,500,000 bond for improvements to elementary, middle and high schools' infrastructure and also to fund additions to those schools.

THE SEATS

Democrats Sydney Carlin, 66th, and supporting them come out to vote for me.

Tom Hawk, 67th, won the state house vote by seven and six percent, respectively. Karen McCulloh, D-3rd, was appointed to the county commission with 57.45 percent of votes

Debbie Regester, R-, was appointed Riley County register of deeds over her democratic opponent Michael Romaniszyn with 65.79 percent of votes.

Relieved that she could return to her state work, Carlin took a moment to thank young voters for the mutual support.

"I met with several student groups on many different issues in the past two to four years and want them to know how important they were to my election," Carlin said. "It's nice to see students who remember me

Now it's time to get back to work."

The 21st and 22nd district bid for Kansas Senate seats, currently held by Republicans Roger Reitz and Mark Taddiken and contested by Democrats Rusty Wilson and Thomas Hochard, is still uncertain.

With votes still split 50-50 at 1 a.m. this morning, Wilson reported it was too close to call, stating that Geary County and provisional votes still need to be counted. The final vote is predicted to be announced Friday.

The following positions were retained by unopposed candidates. County Attorney Barry Wilkerson, R-; County Clerk Rich Vargo, R-; County Commissioner Alvan Johnson, R-2nd; County Treasurer Eileen King, R-.

#### **VOTER TURNOUT FOR 2000 AND 2004 ELECTIONS BY AGE GROUP**

(according to the most recent U.S. Census data)

Age group	e group 2000 2004		point increase		
18-24	36 percent	47 percent	<u>+</u> 11		
25-34	51	56	+5		
35-44	60	64	+4		
45-54	66	69	+3		
55-64	70	73	+3		
65-74	72	73	+1		
75+	67	69	+2		
All ages	60	64	+4		
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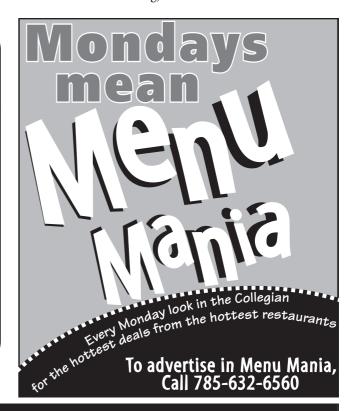
 $\star\star\star$ **2008 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER TURNOUT** 

1,652,973 - Registered voters 75,384 - Advance votes 371,121 - Total votes **22.45 percent** - Percentage of those who

... for Riley County **27,434** - Registered voters **1,263** - Advance votes **,330** - Total votes **14.66 percent** - Percentage of those who

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## Home court advantage

#### **Cats take on Sooners** at Ahearn tonight, waiting to redeem earlier loss

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ahearn Field House has been friendly to the K-State volleyball team this season.

The No. 15 Wildcats (20-4, 10-3 Big 12 Conference) have lost just one match in Manhattan this year a 3-1 defeat to then-No. 2 Nebraska on Sept. 17. In all, K-State has posted a 10-1 home record, including a 6-1 mark in league play.

"It's a little bit easier when you don't have to figure in the travel," said coach Suzie Fritz. "You get more rest. You get more opportunities to sleep in your own bed, catch up with your life, your school. You know, everything is just easier."

Fritz and the Wildcats will look to capitalize on their home-court advantage when they welcome Oklahoma (10-12, 6-8 Big 12) to Manhattan at 7 tonight.

The match, which is the Wildcats' third straight in Ahearn and their final home match until Nov. 15, will be televised live on K-State TV, cable

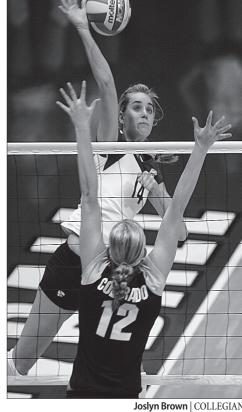
In the last meeting between K-State and Oklahoma, the Wildcats were forced to come back from an 0-2 deficit in Norman, Okla., on Oct.

Fritz said K-State wasn't prepared for the Sooners last time out, but she thinks her team has improved since

don't know if we're better







LEFT: Rita Liliom, outside hitter for the K-State women's volleyball team, spikes the volleyball during their game against Texas A&M. RIGHT: Kelsey Chipman, middle blocker for the volleyball team, spikes the volleyball during their game against Colorado.

prepared, but I think we're better, period," she said. "We played very tight and very unprepared the first time around. Without question, I think we're a better team now than we were for the first go-around."

The comeback win snapped the Sooners' four-match winning streak against the Wildcats, which dated back to the beginning of the 2006 campaign.

Oklahoma, which upset then-No. 3 Texas in Austin on Oct. 29, has been led this season by sophomore middle blocker Francie Ekwerekwu and freshman outside hitter Caitlin Higgins, who are averaging 2.69 and

2.57 kills per game, respectively. K-State will counter with a pair of senior outside hitters. Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova have both been dominant at the net for the Wildcats, as they are averaging 4.14 and 3.24 kills per game.

K-State has faced Oklahoma 69 times prior to tonight's meeting. Since the beginning of the series, Oklahoma holds a 44-24-1 lead.

However, K-State has controlled the series in the Big 12 era, as the Wildcats have won 18 of 25 meetings since the inception of the conference

That span includes a streak of 14 straight wins by K-State from 1999-

#### K-State vs. Oklahoma

Can't make it to Ahearn Field House tonight? Watch the K-State vs. Oklahoma volleyball match live on K-State TV, cable channel 8.

## Wildcats tied for 3rd, looking for strong finish in tournament

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas State men's golf team remains within striking distance after two more solid performances Monday and Tuesday at the Pacific Invitational at Brookside Country Club in Stockton, Calif.

The Wildcats sit in a two-way tie for third place at 3-over 571, five strokes behind tournament leader Rice University. The Cats are tied with West Coast power Fresno State University and sit one stroke behind second-place University of Oregon for the 54-hole tournament.

K-State, which ranks 49th nationally, will try to complete the fall-tournament season with its sixth straight top-5 finish. However, head coach Tim Norris says his team's sights are set on more than just a

"It's a matter of going out and taking the tournament," he said.

"Last year we lost this tournament on the last hole, and I think the guys are looking for a little justice this year. And maybe we can come back and steal the tournament from somebody this year."

Junior Mitch Gregson sits in a tie for third after firing a 3-under 68 to put his two-day total at a 3-under

Senior Robert Streb, who is ranked 52nd nationally, continued with his workmanlike ways as he sits in a tie for 10th at even par 142.

Sophomore Kyle Smell will start Wednesday in a tie for 20th at 3-over

Sophomore Ross Geubelle and junior Joe Ida round out the scoring for the Wildcats at 4-over and 5-over

Norris said he has been thrilled with his team's consistent play this fall and that continued Monday and Tuesday as the Cats highest round for the week has been 3-over 74 on the windy, rain-soaked course at Brookside Country Club.

"This course is playing a lot different than last year when the guys lit it up," Norris said.

"Our guys have done a great job adjusting and not trying to force the

The Wildcats will tee it up Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time for their final 18 holes. Live updates are available via www.golfstat.com.

The guys have played so well this fall, so consistently, I know they would like to end the fall on a great note," Norris said.



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Jonathan Knight COLLEGIAN

## Team's preseason ranking means little in wide-open Big 12 conference



**GARTEN** 

It's hard to replace a superstar. The K-State men's basketball team will try to replace two: Michael Beasley and Bill Walker.

The Big 12 Conference coaches apparently believe the Wildcats will be lost without their top players.

In their preseason poll, they ranked the Wildcats eighth. In 2007, they were picked to finish fourth.

"I'm sure people from the outside looking in are thinking we're not going to be as good as we were last year," forward Darren Kent said. "Obviously losing Mike and Bill is a big loss, but we really don't worry about the eighth-place [ranking]. We didn't worry about the fourth-place [ranking] they gave us last year?

Beasley and Walker will be missed, but the Wildcats

are not the only team replacing highly talented players. Nine Big 12 players were selected in the 2008 NBA

Oklahoma ranks No. 1 in the preseason Big 12. They have the conference's top player in sophomore forward Blake Griffin. After Griffin, the Big

12 talent level drops severely. The next best players are Kansas guard Sherron Collins and Texas guard A.J. Abrams.

Though K-State is ranked low right now, the Big 12 is wide open. There will be several teams trying to replace their stars.

"The Big 12 lost a lot of good players," forward Ron Anderson said. "Last year we had the national champs in our conference, and they lost a lot of good players. I think it's wide open for anybody."

The main problem for

the Wildcats this season could be replacing the 42 points per game scored by Beasley and Walker in 2007. Finding talented scorers is always difficult, and K-State might need three or four players to fill that huge void.

Coach Frank Martin seems to be most concerned with defensive rebounding. Last season, Beasley led the nation in rebounding with 12.4 per contest.

Last year we could depend on Mike that he was going to grab all those rebounds," Kent said. "It was nice. Not to say you weren't working hard, but you kind of new in the back of your head that Mike's coming, he's going to grab some of those rebounds. This year, it's on us."

Kent and Anderson will be two of the players who K-State will lean on most to replace Beasley and Walker.

Redshirt freshman forward Jamar Samuels also will need to step up to fill

However, those three cannot possibly have the same effect as Beasley and Walker. In 2008, the Wildcats will succeed or fail based on the play of their

But K-State won't be the only team changing styles in 2008, which means the Big 12 is up for grabs.

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#### **COACH DISPLEASED** WITH STANDINGS, **BAFFLED BY BCS**



**PETE CARROLL** 

LOS ANGELES - Pete Carroll insists he doesn't understand how the BCS system works. He understands enough to know he doesn't like it one bit.

"I think it stinks. I don't think it's the way it should be," Carroll said. "But all we can do is keep talking about it."

And that's what the Southern California coach did Tuesday at his weekly meeting with reporters.

Carroll has pressed his displeasure over the years with the system, but things hit a new high for him over the weekend when the Trojans (7-1, 5-1 Pac-10) dropped from fifth to seventh in the BCS after they standings Washington blanked 56-0 for their third shutout in four games.

#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

"I don't understand how the thing works, I don't really know," he said. "Maybe you guys will answer for it one of these days. Maybe you know and I don't. I'm sure you do.

What is the criteria of the process?" he said. "Is it to pick the team that has the best season, that has the season that you like the most and feel best about voting

Or is it the best team at the end of the year, the team that would win a playoff system if you did have it?'

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**PELINI'S TEMPER DRAWS UNWANTED ATTENTION** 



**PELINI** 

LINCOLN, Neb. - Bo Pelini knows he needs to cool it. The first-year Nebraska coach acknowledged his volatile sideline demeanor is casting a negative light on himself and the program.

Pelini has drawn unwanted attention for his tirades against officials, assistant coaches and players.

He said Tuesday at his weekly news conference that he knows his temper could hurt university's image and work against the Cornhuskers in recruiting, especially with videos of him seething and screaming readily available on YouTube.

A montage of Pelini blowups was posted on that Web site Monday and had generated more than 1,000 hits by Tues-

"Perception is reality, so that's something I've got to fix," Pelini said. "I understand that. I'm a highly emotional guy. I've got to be care-

He said he realized he had a problem when a couple lip-reading family members pointed out their disapproval of his behavior.

"I regret that," said Pelini, married with three young children. "There's a difference between being animated and using some words you wish you didn't use.'

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## Modern combatives program helps Fort Riley group to championship

By Tim Schrag

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Brigade Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general of the First Infantry Division, honored K-State's modern combatives education program instructors at an awards ceremony on Oct. 16 at Fort Ri-

Dave Duril, Joe Wilk and Jon Menke were honored for their roles in helping a team from Fort Riley's First Infantry Division capture the U.S. Army's national combatives championship.

The Army's combatives tournament is two days long, and includes various rules sets such as grappling and striking.

Duril is a senior instructor, and Wilk and Menke are assistant instructors in the modern combatives program. Menke is also a senior in mathematics.

"The graduated set of rules [involved in modified martial arts] really produces competency in different styles of fighting," said Wilk, who also coaches the team. "It makes us train our students for the realities of various situations." Art DeGroat, K-State director of mil-

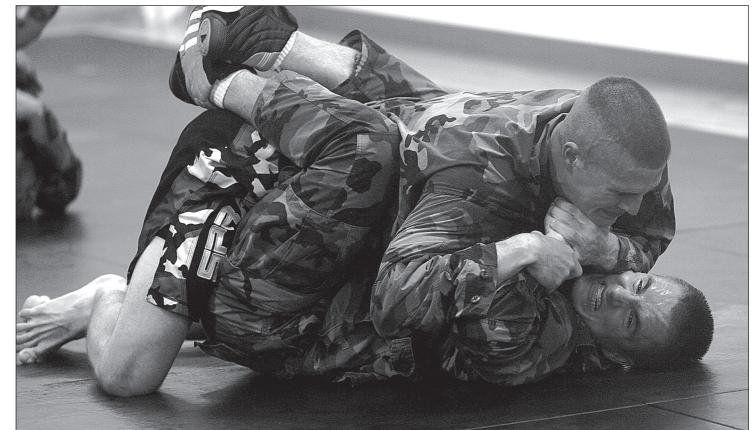
itary affairs, said in a press release that to help prepare the team for the competition, K-State modified its 16-week advanced combatives curriculum into a six-week The specialized curriculum focuses on martial arts knowledge and skill devel-

bative competition. "K-State's modern combatives education program is the first of its kind in the nation, teaching a wide variety of mixed martial arts techniques to undergraduate students, ROTC cadets and soldiers from

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Fort Riley," DeGroat said in the release. "I'm proud of what our students and faculty have accomplished by winning a prestigious national-level competition. What is most notable to me is that our faculty of experts created a specialized program for these Fort Riley students as only a university-based institution could do."



In addition to training and certifying Army soldiers in modern combatives, DeGroat said K-State combatives faculty have been instrumental in assisting the U.S. Air Force in adopting a service-wide fighting system of Air Force combatives.

K-State and the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., are the only two educational institutions training Air Force combatives to date, DeGroat

Kati Chinery, senior in dietetics, advocates for more female involvement in the program.

'Modern combatives is a great way for girls to develop the confidence to handle a situation with efficiency and effectiveness," Chinery said.



specialized curriculum focuses on martial arts knowledge and skill development, self-regulation and management techniques and ethical dimensions of combative competition.

Photos by **Nathaniel LaRue** COLLEGIAN

## **Students must complete survey** to release enrollment holds

By Sarah Rajewski

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As students began enrolling this semester, questions have been popping up about the holds that prevent students from enrolling in classes on iSIS.

These holds are not Lynch, Michael associvice president for student life.

He said the holds have been in place since about 2000, but look different because they are in a new system. Previously, the holds were in KATS and were not as apparent, Lynch said.

The holds are used to meet requirements for the Kansas Board of Regents, said Jennifer Gehrt, director of the LA-SER Project, which implemented iSIS

Gehrt said the holds require undergraduate students to complete a short advising survey prior to enrolling for the spring semester.

To make the process go smoothly, Gehrt said students should take several steps. First, she said, students should meet with their advisers, who will release the advising hold in iSIS.

Next, students can complete the advising survey in the iSIS Student Center. To find the survey, students must click on the "Other Academic" drop-down bar on the left side of the page and choose the "advising survey."

Gehrt said once the final survey question is answered, the advising survey hold on the students' enrollment will be released. The students will then be able to enroll during their assigned enrollment time slot. Students may view their holds, enrollment dates and advisers' names in the iSIS Student Center.

She said this survey helps K-State meet the Board of Regents requirement to annually collect evaluative feedback on undergraduate academic advising. This survey is the same this year as it has been in years past.

Lynch said once students take the three- to five-minute survey, K-State will analyze the results down to the department level.

Lynch said many of the results are positive, but if a department has negative results, the survey alerts K-State and allows administration to make the appro-

priate changes. "What we try to do is ensure some accountability in the advising process,"

For assistance using iSIS, access iSIS Help at www.k-state.edu/isishelp/stu-

### Commissioners allocate \$65K to day care

By Brandon Steinert KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Children filled the City Commission Chamber of City Hall Tuesday night as the commissioners passed a \$65,000 allocation to the Manhattan Day Care and Learning Center. Commissioners also heard comments on the Manhattan Emergency Shelter and voted on a charter ordinance to establish the number of candidates necessary for a city primary election, a land lease with AT&T and the replacement of the City Park Pool and implementation of a splash park.

The \$65,000 request by the MDCLC will be used to temporarily relieve financial stresses and continue its operation through to next year. During the public comment period, several single parents told how the center has influenced their lives.

The charter ordinance establishing the number of candidates necessary to hold a city primary election is intended to clear up ambiguity in a recently passed state statute.

The statute allows up to

three candidates per public office in a general election. With more, a primary must be held. The ambiguity lies in the stat-

ue's second sentence, which will not allow a primary to happen unless two or more people would be eliminated. In Manhattan, three seats are available for the city commission during a city election year, which means nine candidates would be allowed to run.

If 10 candidates file, it would not be clear whether a primary should be held or not because only one candidate would be eliminated. After several alternations were suggested, including returning to the way it used to be, the commission failed to pass the ordinance twice. A charter ordinance needs at least four out of five votes to pass. It failed 3-2-0 both times. With that action, the state statute will apply, allowing the ambiguity to exist in the event

10 candidates file for city com-

missioner positions.

The City Park Swimming Pool is closed permanently and is projected to be replaced by Summer 2010. A splash park is proposed to be built to compensate for the short-term lack of water recreation in City Park. A new pond on the southeast corner of the park might come with the new project to retain the water runoff from the splash park. The commission approved city administration to move forward with the design-build services for the new pool and splash pad with a vote of 5-0-0.

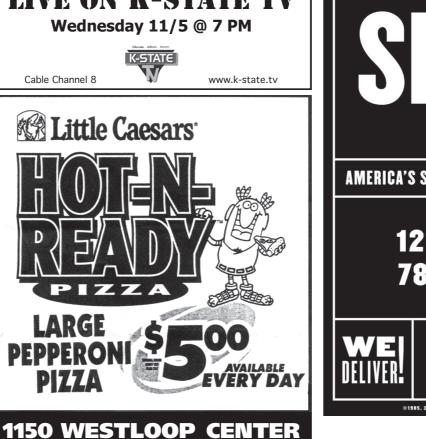
The city commission agreed to lease a portion of land to AT&T for the construction of a cell-phone tower. The tower will have a capacity for three service providers. Now only two are contracted for a rate of \$1,200 per month. If a third provider uses the tower an additional \$500 per month will be collected by the city.



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## What's in a name?

#### Local band seeks help from fans via Facebook

By Mark Stephan

A local band is asking friends and strangers to choose its name.

The band that currently refers to itself as "The Unnamed Trio" is having an online competition via Facebook to determine its name.

The band got its start on Facebook. The group was the idea of front woman Samantha Clemens, junior in biological and agricultural engineering. Clemens, who described her sound as a mix of indie-rock and soul mix, said she started playing in Aggieville bars earlier this semester as a single act. But Clemens said she felt she just needed something more.

"I needed a fuller, richer sound," she said, "I just needed to start somewhere, so I put an ad on Facebook Marketplace for a guitarist."

Within just a few weeks of placing the advertisement, Clemens had a reply. Caleb McGinn, graduate student in business administration, answered the ad. He said his guitar skills helped create a strong sound.

Soon after the collaboration of McGinn's indie guitar riffs and Clemens' soul sound, the two said they felt confident adding another instrument: drums.

"Caleb and I are friends, and he told me about his band that needed some accompaniment for Aggiefest," said Jack Holtzen, graduate student in business administration. "I just practiced with him a couple hours before we were supposed to play at Kathouse, and that

Holtzen joined the group not only because of his talents on the traditional drum set, but also because he can play the bongos, djembe and other percussion instruments. The trio said all they needed after they got together was a name, and they wanted one that would help them stand out from other bands.

We really had no ideas for a name since we were



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just sort of thrown together," Clemens said. "I just let Caleb try and think of a name, and he said we should just let our friends decide."

As the number of suggestions they received from friends rose, McGinn said he created a Facebook group called "The Unnamed Trio" where people could leave suggestions. The names that have been offered range from "Alas, Daybreak!" to "Three-Armed Baby."

"The group just started for our friends to write suggestions," Holtzen said. "But eventually we started getting suggestions from friends of friends, and then we got them from people we didn't even know. Now it has turned into a contest, and we even will be giving a

The group recently added a fourth member – Alec

Kirkeminde, junior in chemistry – to play bass guitar. With the addition, the group said it is looking for shows and is in the process of becoming the house band at kstatecollegian.com

For more information concerning show times, name contest and band news check out our Web site.

Kathouse that will play Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. during the spring semester. The group said it wants to make a name decision by the end of semester. All Facebook suggestions will be considered, and the choice will be on the group's profile.

'It is just really cool because ... we have the chance to have our peers name us and to also come and check out our sound," Clemens said.



**MOVIE REVIEW** 

## Bad porn makes for excellent comedy

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno' **★★★☆** Movie review by

**Brendan Praeger** 

The title of director Kevin Smith's new film, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," might have stirred up some controversy, but it sure is accurate.

It's the kind of title that lets the audience know exactly what they're getting, for better or worse.

For the sake of full disclosure, I'm a huge Kevin Smith fan.

I own all his movies, I often listen to his weekly podcast, and I even have a "Jersey Girl" poster.

I'm pretty much predestined to like any film he puts out, and "Zack and Miri" is no exception

The story is simple. Zack (Seth Rogan) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) are platonic friends who have fallen behind on their rent and bills.

After meeting a gay porn star at a highschool reunion, they decide that the adult film industry might be the money-making opportunity they've been looking



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They film their movie in the same fashion that Smith filmed "Clerks," his low-budget debut.

They convert their workplace, a Starbucks knockoff, into a set at night, filming with a security camera and using a hockey stick to hold the microphone.

While the story is ultimately predictable, the humor makes the whole ordeal worthwhile.

The film was raunchy enough to earn an NC-17 rating before numerous appeals, and those with a weak stomach for profanity and nudity should probably steer clear.

Craig Robinson (Darryl on NBC's "The Office") steals every scene, and his performance alone is reason enough to check out "Zack and Miri."

Despite the immature and very adult humor, the movie does have a romantic core.

Scenes often toe the line between romance and cheesiness, but Smith follows up cheesy lines with quick jokes, like a dash of salt to something sweet.

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" isn't a great movie, but for fans of Smith's rough style of romantic comedy, it's an excellent treat.

It shows that great sex makes for bad porn, but bad porn makes excellent comedy.

**STUDY ABROAD LOG** 

## K-State student recounts tale of falling ill while far from home



**DANIELLE MOCCIA** 

Getting sick or injured in a foreign country, far from familiar surroundings, is a scary thought. Though I am not studying abroad in the traditional sense, I still have been lucky enough to have this unpleasant experience while spending my semester in Baltimore. Twice, even.

The second week of classes at Towson University, I was blessed with an earache. So, naturally, I made an appointment at the student health center where I was looked over by a nurse practitioner with a notso-hidden agenda of fervently informing students about birth control.

After seeing that I was not sexually active, the practitioner launched into a speech about the advantages of the birth control pill, without even mentioning that Baltimore has some of the worst sexually transmitted disease statistics in the U.S. I tried explaining to her that I was abstinent, and did not want to be on birth control for personal reasons. I was there for an earache, not a monologue on birth control.

I eventually left more informed on birth

control, as well as with some antibiotics for my earache. However, I was a bit wary of taking the prescription, for fear that it might have been laced with Ortho Tri-Cyclen or some other type of birth control.

About a month later, I again found myself sitting in the health center because I was having unbearable abdominal pain.

I was halfway through the nurse's exam when she informed me that she suspected either ruptured ovarian cysts or appendicitis. I was then rushed by taxi – crying the entire way – to the nearest hospital, where I checked into the emergency room for the next 12 hours.

Though having unexplained abdominal pain is bad enough, it didn't help that practically every nurse or E.R. worker who saw me made some reference to Dorothy or "The Wizard of Oz" once they discovered I was from Kansas.

It especially didn't help when my doctor, seeing that I hadn't called anyone to accompany me to the E.R., said, "The E.R. is a terrible place to be by yourself."

You're telling me.

I was discharged at 4 a.m., still drugged out and with no diagnosis. On the upside, I had a doctor's note excusing me from taking a test the next day for which I had hardly studied.

Now, I feel well and am back to my old habits, including frequently indulging in sushi and overpriced coffee drinks, which fortunately – hurt only my wallet, and not my stomach.

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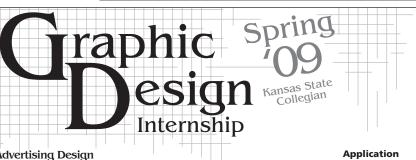
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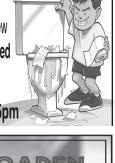
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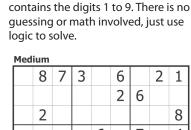
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## Watch party unites freshman classes, draws others

By Steven Miller and Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Union Ballroom was half-filled with students and faculty hooting and hollering whenever one of the presidential candidates won a state

They were there to watch the presidential election, either to display what they learned in their freshman seminar classes or simply to engage in political discussions on cam-

Greg Eiselein, graduate studies director and recipient of Coffman University Distinguished Teaching Scholar, spearheaded the event.

Upon receiving the Coffman position, Eiselein turned his focus toward an educational study surrounding freshman seminar classes. Eiselein's observations in freshman education led him to the idea for seminar-type classes with smaller enrollment to aid freshmen's transitions to college.

The campus watch party originally was meant to be a joint presentation of all the seminar classes, but it grew when the Student Governing Association and Union Program Council joined the event.

"Freshmen struggle the most with lecture-style classes, so we need to bring them into the university environment with small classes taught by good professors," said Eiselein.

Classes involved included Kelly Welch's Human Development, Dean Hall's American Literature, Eiselein's Great Books and Aruna Michie's Introduction to Political Science. The idea was to show how each discipline related to the election.

"The study of literature is well suited to learning how to think critically," Eiselein said. "It gives you a chance to ask big questions about right and wrong - 'What should I do? What should my government do?' - and questions about purpose. An election raises these same

concerns, hopefully.' Around the room were red, white and blue balloons, Uncle Sam hats and

and political backgrounds. Pat Bosco, dean of student life, and Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Kan., were just two of the many attendees at this event. Various screens around the room displayed news stations that tracked the presidential and senatorial races in real time.

people of various ethnic

Along the walls, students displayed information they learned in their seminars and how it related to the election.

The displays ranged from a sociology class's Pin the Tail on the Donkey to Human Development's display showing how students applied the Bronfenbrenner model and its various pieces to the development of Obama's plat-

Emily Lehning, assistant dean of New Student Services, helped organize the event.

"Turnout was much greater than we expected, and we're very pleased with that," said Lehning. "It was a good opportunity for students to share what they learned in a public

The students were asked questions pertaining to theoretical concerns, unalienable rights and where students received the most political information.

Students in small groups discussed these questions while they watched the presidential coverage on TV.

Students like Rebecca Gibbs, freshman in civil engineering, from outside the seminars also came to participate in the discussion and take part in the election watch party.

"It's really interesting to see how everyone perceives their candidate," Gibbs said.

The watch party and the events surrounding it helped students stay plugged into the presidential election process.

"The discussion and everything has kept me interested in following the race much more," said Rashele Hynek, freshman in pre-professional secondary education.

## Local children learn 'civic duty' by participating in mock election

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy partnered with Kids Voting Kansas to encourage children to participate in the civic duty of voting on Election Day.

Kids Voting Kansas has been around since 1992 as part of a national pilot project now active in 40 states. Kansas has the second-largest Kids Voting program in the nation. Area school districts USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden and USD 378 Riley County participated in the mock election on Election Day.

Kids Voting Kansas, which was offered to kids in grades K-12, might have caused more young voters to register this year. The state had an average of 60 percent of 18 - to 24-year-olds voting in the communities that offered the program, compared to only 10 to 15 percent of that age group turning out nationally. Overall voter turnout has increased by 5 percent in the communities that have implemented the program.

"I think it's a great program," said Bill Lansdowne, a parent of a young voter. "It gives kids an opportunity to participate and helps them establish a habit of voting in the future. Our kids participated in the 2004 elections and couldn't wait to participate in this one."

Election booths were set up for the K-12 students at all participating schools and at the 20 official polling places in Manhattan. Volunteers from Kids Voting Kansas staffed the booths. Kindergartners, first-graders and second-graders participated only in the presidential election, while students in grades 3-12 voted on a full ballot.

The full ballot covered the presidential, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives races and local ballot issues such as the smoking ban ordinance and the school bond issue. Students in the Riley County School District had to vote in their respective schools but students from USD 383 were given the option to vote in school or at the

Each child was given a registration card a week prior to Election Day. On the big day, the children at Bluemont Elementary School signed their names, just like grownups, and approached the miniature polling stations, complete with their cardboard dividers. Paper ballots awaited them, which they checked, turned in and went on their way - making sure to pick up giant, "I voted - Kids Voting Kansas" stickers, colored with the American flag.

"What I like about the program is that it is realistic and teaches basic civil responsibility to elementary children," said Lee Jorgensen, coordinator for Bluemont Elementary School's voting program and sixth grade teach-

Every school participating had a teacher organizing its voting program.

The Kids Voting Kansas program offers curriculum for teachers including lessons and democratic activities, which help the students better understand the process and requirements of voting, as well as the value of vot-

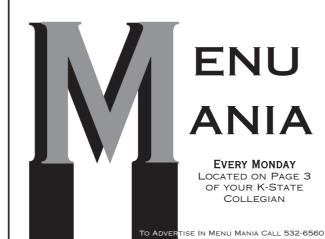
"We teach the election process, so to have a simulation and actually let the kids vote is just awesome," said Kathy Stitt, principal at Bluemont Elementary. "It encourages them to actually learn about the responsibility of being a citizen and is a good way to promote them to pursue leadership roles. We also hope that the children will encourage their parents to vote?

Erika Imbody, the institute's project coordinator, said several teachers have allowed K-State students to come into their classrooms to demonstrate the importance of

ICDD is really excited to be a part of such an important program that teaches kids democratic practices at such a young age," said Imbody. "We're especially thankful to the Konza Rotary Club, which is serving as our local financial sponsor for this project."

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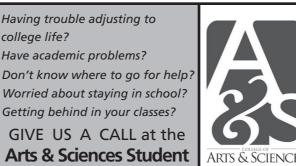
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